

**SUSPENSE  
STILL HOLDS**

Peace or War Still Hangs in the Balance.

**A SHORT ADJOURNMENT.**

Believed That Czar's Reply Has Been Received and That Japanese Have Presented Compromise Offered by President.

Portsmouth, N. H., August 23.—This morning's peace conference began promptly at 9:30 o'clock. The Russians left the hotel at 9:06 and the Japanese five minutes later. Special arrangements have been made to keep President Roosevelt informed of any developments. A telegraph wire has been cut into the navy yard, directly connecting the conference building with Oyster Bay.

It is expected that today's conference will determine the issue of peace or war. The first business was reading for comparison and signature the protocols of previous meetings.

M. Witte announced that the protocols were read and corrected at this morning's session. The conference then adjourned until two this afternoon.

**Adjourned Until Saturday.**

Unofficial reports came from the navy yard that the conference has adjourned until Saturday.

It is believed that the compromise proposition of President Roosevelt was presented by the Japanese envoys this morning and that the adjournment is taken for a consideration of the compromise. A high authority said this morning that he believed it impossible that a final rupture can come today no matter what the character of the Emperor's final instructions to Mr. Witte.

"If the negotiations can be prolonged into next week," said he, "so much pressure will be brought to bear upon the Emperor that he will not be able to resist."

**The President's Proposition.**

Tersely stated, President Roosevelt's proposition, received yesterday, consists in an agreement by Russia to re-purchase possession of either all or half of the island of Sakhalin now in the military occupation of Japan for a sum the amount of which, if the two countries cannot agree shall be decided by some method of arbitration hereafter to be determined. The purchase money, together with the sum Japan would obtain from the cession of the Chinese eastern railroad and the maintenance of the Russian prisoners in Japan would, it is estimated, about equal the amount claimed by Japan as her bill for the cost of the war. Practically therefore the solution offered by the President involves recession by Japan upon article five, (the cession of Sakhalin) and recession by Russia upon article 9 (indemnity).

**Cable Message from St. Petersburg.**  
A long cable message from St. Petersburg which was believed to be the Russian reply, arrived about ten o'clock last night and Mr. Witte's secretaries, Mr. Nabukoff and Mr. Plancou, immediately began deciphering it.

Considerable excitement was apparent in the annex where the Russian headquarters were located. Shown by sheet the translation was taken to Mr. Witte's room. The rumor was that it is a refusal—a non possumus, a reiteration of the Russian position that she has given ample proof of her desire for peace in the articles already accepted and that more she could not yield with dignity and honor.

The message was considered until long after midnight.

**Statement by Pierce.**

Mr. Pierce, the third assistant secretary of state, last night issued the following statement:

"No envoy or representative of the president had any conference with Mr. Witte or Baron De Rosen today, nor did I have any conference with either of them. They had business at the navy yard and my duties required me to be present at the yard to make suitable arrangements for their comfort. But in no way, shape or manner did I have any conference with them on behalf of the president in relation to their negotiations with Japan."

"Mr. Witte and Baron De Rosen had intended to remain longer in the navy yard, in consequence of which I had luncheon prepared for them, but owing to a derangement of the stomach from which he has been suffering for several days, Mr. Witte being under the care of a physician at the Westworth, deemed it inadvisable to remain for luncheon at the yard and therefore took his departure at an earlier hour than usual, leaving some of his secretaries who continued their work in the conference building until 7:30."

**RUSSIAN VESSEL INTERRED.**

Volunteer Cruiser Terok Is at Batavia, Java.

London, Aug. 23.—A despatch to Dail's news agency from Batavia, Java, says that the Russian volunteer cruiser Terok has been interred there.

**Russia Remains Firm.**

St. Petersburg, August 23.—The foreign office denies that the differences which have apparently deadlocked the peace envoys at Portsmouth will be submitted to arbitration. The government's attitude remains firm and unchanged on the subject of indemnity. The visit of Ambassador Meyer to Peterhof on receipt of a telegram from

the president is regarded as significant. It is stated on good authority that a new internal loan is to be issued shortly for the purpose of creating a peasantry fund. The money will be used to purchase landed property.

**RUSSIAN IS RECALLED.**

Prof. F. D. Maurtens, One of the Legal Advisors, Ordered Home.

St. Petersburg, August 23.—Prof. F. D. Maurtens who accompanied M. Witte to America as one of his advisors, has been recalled from Portsmouth and will return here August 31.

**WINOOSKI ELOPERS.**

Were Married in Winoski a Week Ago.

Winoski, Aug. 23.—An item appeared in the Montpelier papers Monday night to the effect that Miss Flora Goyette of Winoski went to that city Saturday to be married to William Wendler, that her spouse disappeared at noon after making the necessary arrangements with a local clergyman, and that Miss Goyette returned to her home in Winoski.

As a matter of fact, the parties were married in the Catholic church at Hardwick by the Rev. Fr. Poquin. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown, friends of Mr. Wendler, whom he became acquainted with when he worked there several years ago.

William's father, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wendler, who reside on Shepard street in Winoski, were opposed to her wedding Mr. Wendler, or they would have married at St. Steven's church. They then planned an elopement. They left town a week ago Monday and went to Montpelier, where they were met by Miss Goyette's brother, George, and had dinner with him. He proposed their being married there, but William said he would think it over, stating that he probably would. The next day they were married at Hardwick. After the service at the church they went to Plainfield, to the home of Daniel Goyette, where a reception was held. Saturday they returned to Winoski, to the home of Mrs. Wendler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Goyette, of 124 St. Peter street. Yesterday morning, Mr. Wendler went to Boston where he expects to secure a position and if successful they will make their home there.

**CAUGHT IN UNDERTOW.**

Two Women Drowned at Salisbury Beach, Mass., Yesterday.

Salisbury Beach, Mass., August 23.—Mrs. Ellen Carr, 50 years of age, of Lawrence, and Miss Eliza Miller, 18, of North Andover, were drowned yesterday afternoon while bathing in the surf. The bodies have been recovered.

The death of the two women is due to the fact that they waded too far out into the breakers and to the strong undertow which swept them from their feet and carried them far beyond their depth. A score of others were about. Mrs. Carr and Miss Miller suddenly were seen to throw up their hands and then to disappear quickly beneath the surface of the water. Richard Edwards, one of the bathers, tried to rescue the women, but he was unsuccessful. When the bodies were recovered later by the crew from the life saving station, physicians labored a long time for resuscitation, but their efforts were fruitless.

Both Mrs. Carr and Miss Miller were guests at cottages on the beach. Mrs. Carr's home is at 457 Essex street, Lawrence.

**ORDERS ONE BABY A YEAR.**

"Elijah" Dowie Determined to Prevent Race Suicide in Zion.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—John Alexander Dowie has issued these decrees to all Zionites:

That each family shall bring a baby to the baptismal font each year, thus evangelizing by birth rate for the Church and crusading against race suicide.

That lovers shall not embrace or kiss each other before marriage.

That no faithful member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion shall marry without first obtaining the written consent of Apostle John Alexander I.

That marriages performed by justices of the peace shall not be recognized by the Church as legitimate.

**ASKS IMMENSE ROYALTY.**

Boston Woman Demands \$50,000,000 of Standard Oil Company.

Boston, Aug. 23.—A motion was made in the Massachusetts supreme court yesterday for the appointment of a commission to take the testimony of John D. Rockefeller and other officers of the Standard Oil company in the \$50,000,000 suit brought by Mrs. Elizabeth K. Greenwood of Boston, who alleges that an amount to be due her as royalty on the oil refined by the company since 1874.

The suit is based on an alleged contract made with the late Benjamin F. Greenwood, the inventor of a refining process, who was to receive one-quarter of a cent on every gallon of oil sent out by the Standard Oil company.

H. H. Rogers, who is made the chief defendant, in his reply to the suit says an agreement was made, but that Mr. Greenwood himself vacated it on January 1, 1875.

**WILL NOT ACCEPT PROPOSITION.**

Action Taken by Local Shareholders of Connecticut Loan and Realty Co.

St. Albans, Aug. 23.—A meeting of the fifty-nine shareholders of the Connecticut Loan and Realty Co. who reside in this city was held Monday evening at the offices of Col. A. A. Hall, at which time a committee comprising L. H. Lombard, R. Melvin Hopkins, and Wellington B. Witters was appointed to examine into the proposition made by the management of the company and report its findings to the remaining shareholders. As a result, the committee, at a meeting to be held at Paige's small hall at 7:30 this evening, will recommend that the proposition of the directors be not accepted.

**TRAINS CRASH  
AT A CURVE**

Three Persons Kill and Two Are Missing.

**ENGINES DEMOLISHED**

Extra East Bound Wheat Train Crashed Into Regular West Bound on the Union Pacific Near Rossville, Kan., Today.

Topeka, Kansas, August 23.—Three were killed and two are missing as the result of a collision of Union Pacific freights near Rossville this morning. The dead are the engineer, fireman and conductor of an extra east bound wheat train which crashed into the second section of the regular west bound train at a sharp curve. Both the locomotives were demolished.

**MURDERED ON STREET.**

New York Woman Victim of a Thug in Chicago.

Chicago, August 23.—Mrs. S. E. Mize of New York city was murdered last night by a robber while taking an evening walk in one of the fashionable residence districts of the South Side.

For the great part of the summer Mrs. Mize has been a guest at the Delgado Hotel, which fronts on the Midway Plaisance. Last night in company with Mrs. E. E. Wilson of Las Cruces, N. M., also a guest at the hotel, she went out for a short walk. They had reached the corner of 59th street and Washington avenue, two squares from the hotel, when they were confronted by a man who demanded their money and valuables.

Mrs. Mize was able to utter two cries for aid, when the robber shot her through the heart, killing her instantly. The murderer fled into an alley and disappeared in the darkness. He was seen by nobody except Mrs. Mize and Mrs. Wilson.

**WORCESTER'S BAD DAY.**

Three Fatalities Recorded by City's Police Yesterday.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 23.—Three fatalities were recorded by the police here yesterday. One was a case of suicide, another an accidental death from mistake in taking drugs, and the third was death by violence.

The suicide was a guest at the Commonwealth hotel, who registered Monday afternoon as Ernest Morris. He did not give the place of residence. He killed himself by inhaling gas in his room. The man was evidently a baker, about 25 years of age, but there was nothing in his satchel which would lead to his identification.

Frederick C. Hennessey, aged 27 years, accidentally killed himself by taking a case of oxalic acid. The young man was in the house alone. His body was found by a cousin.

Dennis Kennedy, a freight conductor on the Boston & Maine railroad was killed by the cars in the freight yard near Lincoln square.

**PROBABLY A MURDER.**

Body of Middle-Aged Man Found in a Maine Town.

York, Me., August 23.—The body of a middle-aged man believed to have been killed in a fight, was found yesterday beside the road near Lake Agamentic, three miles north of Cape Neddick. Sheriff George E. Athorn and Deputy Sheriff George F. Preble immediately began an investigation. Two women who passed the locality late Monday night heard two men fighting, and it was due to this information that the body was found so promptly and the officers notified.

The body had been dragged through the bushes a short distance from the road. Those who found it thought it might be that of a lumberman employed in one of the lumber mills in that region. It was rumored that his slayer was a man who at one time was temporarily insane.

**KILLED ON TRACK.**

George Greenwood Was Making a Short Cut Home.

Baldwinville, Mass., Aug. 23.—George Greenwood, 11 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Greenwood of West Rutledge, N. H., visiting his aunt here, was killed yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by west bound passenger train No. 1. The boy started for the postoffice with two cousins, and while making a short cut home across the Boston & Maine tracks directly in front of the engine and was killed before their eyes.

**GRANITEVILLE.**

The Old Ladies of Victor Lodge, M. U., intend giving an entertainment Monday evening, August 28th. There will be first-class music, singing, dialogues, etc. Also ice cream and cake served for 10 cents a plate. A good time is promised. Be sure you don't miss it. Admission 10 cents. Time, 7:30 p. m.

The officers and members of Victor Lodge will please remember that the Lodge meeting opens at 6 p. m. sharp, Monday evening, Aug. 28th.

**SEVEN LODGES  
INSTITUTED**

By Knights of Pythias During the Year.

**ANNUAL CONVENTION ON**

Largest Attendance at Burlington in Many Years, Including Several High Officials of the Order.

Burlington, August 23.—The 17th annual convention of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of Vermont, was held in this city today with the largest attendance in many years. Among the honored guests of the convention were Supreme Chancellor Charles B. Shiveley of Richmond, Ind., Martin L. Kimball, grand chancellor, Maine; Grand Chancellor Langley of Rhode Island; William A. Wilson, grand keeper of records and seal, also of Rhode Island; Horace C. Case, grand keeper of records and seal, and Representative Bester of the grand lodge of Connecticut; Charles A. Cross, grand keeper of records and seal, of Massachusetts, and others besides almost every one of the officers of the grand lodge of Vermont were present. Headquarters of the grand lodge were at the Van Ness House and those of the Uniform Rank at the army of Company M. V. N. G. Considerable routine business was transacted this morning and the supreme chancellor brought greetings and was given a hearty reception.

The report of Grand Chancellor U. W. Brown of Evansville was read at the morning session. Seven new lodges have been instituted: Richmond, Albion, Winoski, Milton, Waterbury, Johnson and Springfield.

The outlook for new lodges is excellent and applications have been received from Brattleboro, Vergennes, Swanton, Waterville, Northfield, Shelburne and Grand Isle. One new company of the Uniform Rank has been mustered in and there are several petitions for new companies. New lodge halls have been dedicated in Danville and Barton.

The total membership in subordinate lodges is 2,065, a net gain during the year of 92.

A reception and banquet comes this evening at the Van Ness and tomorrow is the annual field day of the Uniform Rank, with drills and sports.

**CONGER RESIGNS.**

As American Ambassador to Mexico, to Take Effect October 13.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., August 23.—Edwin H. Conger of Iowa has resigned his post as American ambassador to Mexico, to take effect October 13 next, and President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation.

It has not been determined definitely yet who will succeed Mr. Conger as ambassador to Mexico, but, as heretofore stated, it will probably be David E. Thompson of Nebraska, now American ambassador to Brazil. It is known that Ambassador Thompson desires the Mexican post.

In connection with the appointment the name of Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, has been mentioned, but it can be said pretty definitely that Mr. Loomis will not be appointed. His resignation as assistant secretary of state may be expected at any time. It is certain that he is to retire from the state department, but whether he will receive an appointment in the diplomatic service as has been suggested, is thought to be somewhat problematical.

**FUNERAL OF B. I. PRATT.**

Resident of Randolph Who Was an Old Soldier.

Randolph, Aug. 23.—The funeral of the late Benny I. Pratt was held at the house on School street, Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. Pratt has been in feeble health for some time and death came at five o'clock Saturday night, the result of a large carbuncle on the back of his neck. The Rev. George W. Morrow, who is spending the summer at Greensboro, was present and preached the sermon, while the Rev. Fraser Metzger assisted. The deceased was an old soldier, and the members of the Grand Army attended in a body and many of the members of the Relief Corps were present. A quartette composed of Mrs. Clarence Booth, Miss Minnie Carpenter, Charles Wood and W. E. Lamson, sang three selections and there were many very beautiful flowers. Mr. Pratt is survived by his wife.

**Death of Burlington Woman.**

Burlington, Aug. 23.—Mrs. Lucy Warner, aged 81 years, died at the Home for Aged Women at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Warner has been an inmate of the home for the past 11 years. For the past two years she has been in poor health.

She was sister of the late ex-Lieut. Governor Levi Underwood. Two brothers survive her, F. J. Josephus of Springfield, Mo., and another brother in Chicago, Ill. Two other nieces are her only surviving relatives, Miss Cernelia Underwood of this city and a Mrs. Hoyt of Brooklyn, N. Y., who generally spends her summers in this city.

Mrs. Warner was born in Hardwick.

**COULDN'T GET BAIL.**

Josie Gartin Spent Night in Jail; Charged With Open and Gross Lewdness.

Josie Gartin, who says her name is not Josephine, as she is generally known, was arrested early last evening by Officer Carle on a warrant charging her with open and gross lewdness. When taken before Judge Fay she pleaded not guilty to the allegation, and the case was continued. The woman was not able to secure bail and spent the night in the woman's cell at the police station. Grand Juror Scott is prosecuting her case, and William Wishart has been engaged to defend her.

John Claven, who claims Ryegate as his residence, was gathered in last night by Officer Dyer. He will spend ten days in the county house kept by Sheriff Tracey because of failure to pay \$5 with costs of \$0.64, he having pleaded guilty this morning.

**WIFELESS AGAIN.**

Dan W. Smith, Jr., Finds His Second Experience a Failure.

Daniel Webster Smith, Jr., who several summers ago married a young woman from the West through an advertisement, only to lose her after two or three months of wedded bliss, and then advertised for a second wife, whom he found in Massachusetts, has now lost this last one, she having left his bed and board within a few weeks, and returned to her native state.

Mr. Smith is a sober, industrious man, and it is through no fault of his he does not stay married. But the second Mrs. Smith having left him, he has advertised her, and doubtless later on, he will be in a position to try again. While there's life there's hope.

**A COSTLY POLL TAX.**

Charles G. Evans Finally Released from Jail After Paying \$60.20.

Charles G. Evans who has been in Washington county jail for several months for non-payment of a poll tax due the city of Barre, was liberated yesterday afternoon, a friend coming to his rescue. The poll tax came high. The tax and its costs amounted to \$6.16. His bail bill since May 9 was \$52.50, and the officers' fees. The total sum required to secure Evans' release was \$60.20.

John Sheehan still lies in jail waiting for some one to appear to help him to freedom. He was committed January 19 by the town of Moretown for non-payment of his poll tax. The friend who helps this man will be obliged to ante over \$100 at the present time and the costs keep growing. At the present writing, appearances are in favor of a "life sentence" for Sheehan.

**TOSSED MANY FEET  
BY A LOCOMOTIVE**

Little Robert Kenyon of St. Albans Was Playing on the Central Vermont Railroad Track This Forenoon.

St. Albans, August 23.—Robert Kenyon, three years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenyon of Mason street, was struck by an engine and badly injured in the Central Vermont yards this forenoon. With two other little chaps Robert was playing on the track when the train from the south, due at 10:47, pulled into the yard. The whistle caused the other two to get out of danger, but the engine struck Robert, throwing him nearly twenty feet into the air. The child was taken to the hospital, and the statement was made that there is little chance for his recovery.

The engine did not run over the child, but tossed him to one side of the track.

**THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL.**

Convention of Catholic Young Men's National Union at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., August 23.—The thirty-first annual convention of the Catholic Young Men's National Union opened here yesterday. The business meeting was preceded by a solemn high mass at the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Walter J. Shanley, president of the union, presided.

Reports of diocesan unions, individual societies, officers and committees were received, and papers were submitted by representatives from each diocese. Among the subjects discussed were: "The Press," Daniel P. Toomey, archdiocese of Boston; "The Young Men's Club," W. C. Sullivan, archdiocese of Baltimore; "Literary Societies for Catholic Young Men," William J. Tooley, diocese of Newark.

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.**

Wright and Ward Again Win the National Doubles.

Newport, R. I., August 23.—The national doubles championship in tennis was won today by Beals Wright and Holcombe Ward, who defeated F. B. Alexander and H. H. Haskett, yesterday's winners in straight sets. The last two players were simply outclassed. This is the second year that Wright and Ward have been the champions. The scores of the three sets were 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

**SHOWERS OF CONGRATULATIONS.**

Brockton Young Man Exonerated of Suspicion of Murder.

Brockton, Mass., August 23.—George L. Marsh, who was arrested for the Chicago police, who wanted him as a suspect in the Bate murder case, was released this morning. Upon his dismissal by the court the young man was showered with congratulations.

**ORDERED TO  
RAISE TRACKS**

City Notifies M. & W. R. Railroad to Do So

**AT SIXTH STREET BRIDGE.**

Finance Committee Reports on City Deposits—Building Without a Permit—Gas Company Asks Privilege.

Only routine matters came before the regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening, all members being in attendance.

The committee on streets reported in favor of raising the sidewalk nine inches on the northerly side of Pearl street, provided the shunters furnish the paving and Mr. Buzzell carries out his offer. The report was accepted.

The committee on streets reported in favor of widening the street to its full width and filling a portion. Accepted.

The committee on streets and water recommended that Upland avenue be worked and graded before water pipes are laid therein. Accepted.

The committee on water reported favoring a round corner at Granite and Main streets to protect a fire hydrant near the corner. It was voted to accept the report and put in the curbing providing the water department pay the cost.

The committee on finance reported on the matter of placing the city account on an earning basis, "that we believe periodical certificates of deposits will bring out the full earning capacity of this account and recommend that the city treasurer be authorized to take out these certificates in such amounts as in his and the finance commissioners' judgment is for the best interest of the city." The report was signed by Aldermen Sowden and Burke. Mr. Milne declining. Mr. Milne thought the city should advertise to see which bank would pay the most for the account. Alderman Sowden thought this would not result advantageously to the city. The report was accepted.

A Diversi was granted a license to run an ice cream parlor at the corner of North Main and Merchant streets.

The city attorney reported on the matter of raising the tracks at the M. & W. R. Railroad at Sixth street, stating that he had written the railroad ordering the track raised to a level with the street. The report was accepted.

A petition for a water extension on Hill street was referred to the water committee.

A building permit was granted A. B. Bellodi to erect a church on Brook street, to O. H. Reed, to reshingle his house.

Building Inspector Riley reported that W. D. Kiefer had raised and repaired a house on Summer street without a building permit. The matter was referred to the city attorney. The inspector also reported that B. R. Hawes was shingling a house on Highholborn street without a permit, but it was stated Mr. Hawes had secured a permit to shingle all the houses on that street early in the spring before Mr. Riley took office. The report was referred back.

The city engineer reported on the extension of water mains on Upland avenue that they were liable to cause trouble in the future to the city because of its inability to get water to the takers on that street. Accepted.

Appropriations to different city departments were read and passed to a second reading.

H. K. Bush appeared for the gas company, stating the company desired to cross the Ayer street bridge with its main attached to the lower side of the bridge, as dropping its pipes under the stream might be the cause of trouble in the future.

Alderman Milne moved the gas company be granted a permit to hang the pipes to the bridge, provided good care be taken of the pipes. The motion was not seconded, but it was referred back to the street committee to investigate and report.

C. L. Bugbee appeared in regard to a sewer on Beckley street. The matter was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Bids for curbing at the fire station were opened as follows:  
Langfield Granite Co., 45c per foot; corner stones, \$25 each.

George Stratton, \$320 for job.

As the Langfield bid figured out considerably less than Stratton's it was voted to award the contract to the first named bidder.

It was voted a warrant for \$2,000 be drawn in favor of the street committee for the permanent paving account.

**JOHN ANDERSON, PRESIDENT.**

At Head of Granite Cutters' Union for Ensuing Year.

The new officers of the Barre branch, Granite Cutters' International Union, are as follows: President, John Anderson; vice president, John Cassiniani; secretary, A. M. Smith; financial secretary, A. J. Snyder; auditors, D. A. Sullivan, James Neal, A. Berracina; arbiter, Walter Williams. The election was unanimous.

**NOTICE.**

If the persons who removed the small columns from the rear of our shed 8 a day evening will return the same before 7 a. m., Saturday, the 26th, no further trouble will result. Otherwise they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Leland & Hall Co.